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Dr. C. Tattersall (Tat) Smith of Toronto becomes Institute's President

Cornerbrook, NL, September 17th, 2013 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut Forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) is pleased to announce that Dr. C. Tattersall (Tat) Smith of Toronto, Ontario has become the Institute's new President, beginning October 2013.

Tat graduated from the University of Virginia in 1972 with a degree in economics and worked in various jobs before meeting Vermont forestry professor Max McCormack. A visit to Max's Christmas tree research forest in the northeast Vermont instilled an immediate enthusiasm for the profession of forestry, and Max provided mentorship for Tat's education in forestry through a Master's degree at the University of Vermont (1978) and a PhD at the University of Maine (1984). After graduate studies, his professional career has been in academic and research institutions. He is currently Professor and Dean Emeritus in the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto. Prior to moving to Toronto in July 2005, he was Professor and Head of the Department of Forest Science at Texas A&M University 1999 to mid-2005; Program Manager for the New Zealand Forest Research Institute 1993 to 1998; and a professor in the Department of Forest Resources, University of New Hampshire, Durham 1983 to 1992.

Tat became a member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) soon after arrival in Canada, attending the 2005 annual meeting in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Since that time, he has been an active participant in CIF/IFC annual meetings and supporter of the Southern Ontario Section, and has sought to increase the degree of interaction between Canadian forestry schools and the Institute. He has also been active in forestry associations and professional societies when living in other parts of the world, including the Texas Forestry Association and Society of American Foresters (SAF), the New Zealand Institute of Forestry, and the Ontario Forestry Association. Tat is a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters, which he joined in 1976, and in which he has held a variety of positions, including chair of the Texas SAF in 2005.

Tat notes, "I am committed to working across the forestry sector and beyond to achieve the mission of the Institute. There has never been a more critical period for making the public aware of the importance of forests to the health and prosperity of the nation and world, and the role of well-educated and dedicated professional foresters in ensuring the potential of our forests is achieved. This is also a critical point in time for the

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profession to demonstrate its relevance to the critical issues of the day, and to make an impact from our urban centers to the most remote regions of Canada. The Institute can play a key leadership role by bringing its values, beliefs and scientific knowledge to bear on our most urgent and complex environmental, social and economic problems. The membership of the Institute can grow in stature and number through our collective efforts and contribution to effective partnerships.”



As President, he will provide the leadership for the Institute and its 19 sections across Canada, helping to communicate greater awareness of Canadian forests and our sustainable forestry practices.

Mr. Tattersall Smith – CIF/IFC President

The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada has been the national voice of people who work in the forest since 1908, advocating for sound forest stewardship and sustainability across Canada. Institute members work in government, industry, and academia, and include foresters, technicians, biologists, ecologists, educators, and many individuals with an interest and passion for our nation’s forests and the complex ecosystems they encompass.

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